

**Subject: Alaska Peninsula Highway**

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Eric,

I looked over the DOT Southwest Transportation Plan. I would like to give my opinion of this proposed highway plan.

This plan has all the practical and financial elements needed when considering one route over another. In particular, the Southwest Transportation Plan has much less impact on the wildlife and environment. This Plan has an appreciative reduction of the stream crossings over the other plan, i.e. the route that would run through the lowlands of the peninsula. This latter plan (lowland route) passes through a corridor of wetlands, waterfowl nesting areas, spawning streams, and caribou migration routes. If you compare the costs of both routes, building and maintaining the necessary infrastructure in my mind would be much less on the highland route (Southwest Transportation Plan). Looking at Southwest Transportation Plan a couple possible cost savings occur to me, it would require less bridges and has easier access to gravel sources for road bedding. Southwest Transportation Plan also offers the State better access to the Alaska Peninsula. An additional advantage to the State and the Alaska Peninsula is the acquisition a potential deep-water port via Wide Bay.

Thank You,  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Roy Matsuno [<mailto:ugashik@gci.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2002 2:26 PM

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Subject: road to wide bay

I attended the DOT Southwest Transportation Plan meeting last night here in Anchorage and would like to see the road from Ugashik to Wide Bay added onto the list of corridors.

We had the road from Ugashik to Port Heiden on the list as part of the Alaska Peninsula Highway, but I feel that it is too expensive and we would have to build bridges across the Dog Salmon and King Salmon River as well as the many creeks between King Salmon and Port Heiden. The road to Wide Bay would be on higher ground and would provide access to a deep water port at Wide Bay. I didn't even think about having access to freighters from Seattle, rather than shipping from Anchorage, but we would be able to do that. I talked to Bobby Jo Kramer and she supports the corridor and am emailing this to Shirley Kelly also. Please email your comments to Eric Taylor at [eric\\_taylor@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:eric_taylor@dot.state.ak.us) <[mailto:eric\\_taylor@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:eric_taylor@dot.state.ak.us)> and you can look at the plan at <<http://www.dot.state.ak.us>>, click on the Southwest Plan.

Roy